HYDEL PROJECTS AWAITING CLEARANCE IN KERALA

88. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNANAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Hydro-Electric Power Projects and irrigation projects held over for implementation in Kerala for want of clearance from the Environment angle;

(b) the details of specific objections in each case and the reaction of the State Government of Kerala thereon; and

(c) the time frame by which clearance is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No hydel power irrigation project from Kerala is presently pending for environmental clearance.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON OPEN HEART SURGERY

89. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether world conference on open heart surgery held from 13th June, 1991 in Bombay called for a ban on advertisements regarding cigarettes and tobacco;

(b) whether the Government have received any recommendations to this effect;

(c) if so, the measures proposed/taken to implement the recommendations; and

(d) the estimated number of patients suffering from heart diseases due to smoking in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) to (c). The Government has not so far received any report/recommendations from the organisers of the Conference.

(d) As per ICMR studies there are more than 5 million cases of coronery heart disease in the country out of which it is estimated that about one-third are possibly due to smoking.

[Translation]

DEMAND TO LAY ASTROTURF AT BAREILLY

90. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of * HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a demand by sports lovers to lay an Astroturf at Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Astroturf is likely to be laid there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) No proposal for laying of artificial hockey surface at Bareilly (U.P.) has been received by the Government of India. This should come through Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

ACCOMMODATION TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

91. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Union Government employees awaiting a allotment of government accommodation, category-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for expeditious allotment of accommodation to the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As per enclosed statement.

(b) It has been the effort of the Government to augment the General Pool Residential Accommodation to the extent possible subject to the availability of land and financial resources.